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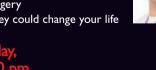
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SUPPORT TEAM

Bears running back among athletes reaching out to injured hoops star

Chicago Tribune

Michael Bush could feel Kevin Ware's pain Sunday.

The Bears running back, who played college football at Louisville, said he cried after seeing the Cardinals basketball player suffer a gruesome broken leg during an Elite Eight victory over Duke. But Bush's empathy for Ware wasn't just a result of school pride.

Bush had been there before.

During his senior year, Bush suffered a broken leg in the season opener against Kentucky. As a junior, Bush ran for 1,183 yards and an NCAA-leading 23 touchdowns. He was considered a Heisman Trophy favorite before the injury.

Bush got a chance to share his tale when he spoke with Ware on the phone Monday morning. He sent out this Twitter message following the conversation:

"Just spoke with #KevinWare n told me he already up on crutches. #Superhuman"

Bush appeared on the NFL Network's "NFLAM" on Monday to share his story and talk about Ware.

"It was very painful [because] it was something I had to go through," Bush said. "Just to see that. ... I know his life has changed. He's got a long road, but it's doable because I've done it."

Louisville coach Rick Pitino addressed Ware's status during a Monday conference call.

"I know right before the surgery he was



"Just spoke with #KevinWare n told me he already up on crutches. #Superhuman"

-Bears running back **Michael Bush** on Twitter

able to watch the players at the press conference and the nurses and the doctors told me that was the first time he just broke down and cried when the players were talking about him," Pitino said.

"He was in great spirits. He got some phone calls from Joe Theismann, who went through the same type of injury, he got a call from Greg Anthony, a lot of really positive calls that are making him feel good."

Pitino said Ware was walking with crutches to help blood flow and that doctors' main concern in the next 48 hours was the risk of infection.

"It is going to be a long recovery process like Michael Bush or like [Theismann], but we expect him to make a full recovery in a matter of time," Pitino said. "It will be a lengthy time, but he'll be with us in Atlanta."



« THE TROPHY KEEPER

Louisville coach Rick Pitino (far left) took the Final Four trophy to Kevin Ware in the hospital. "He was real excited about it," he said. "I said to him, 'You want me to bring it back or stay with you?' He said, 'It's staying with me.' I said, 'All right, just make sure you don't lose it.' He's very excited." REUTERS PHOTO



CTA's fare card all in the details



GOING PUBLIC Tracy Swartz

Here's the gist of Monday's state hearing about CTA's Ventra system: The public transit agency is not doing a good job of educating the public about the details of its new fare collection method, which is scheduled to roll out within months.

The CTA said it plans to launch this month an extensive

outreach campaign about transitioning to Ventra, which may start as early as "early this summer," CTA President Forrest Claypool said at Monday's hearing, which was attended by CTA, Metra and Pace officials.

The campaign, which plans to showcase buses with Ventra equipment and meet with community groups and block clubs, is long overdue. Chicago Card Plus users will receive an email about transitioning to Ventra within a month, the CTA said.

For weeks, CTA riders have raised a litany of questions and expressed confusion on Twitter and Facebook and via email about the Ventra payment options, which include a contactless card that can be registered and a prepaid debit card option.

State Rep. Deborah Mell (D-Chicago) said she held the hearing of the state House's mass transit committee after hearing complaints and questions from her constituents.

"In terms of public relations, it's not going well," Mell said about the CTA outreach on Ventra. "They have a lot of work to do."

CTA spokesman Brian Steele said the agency has been educating the public about its open-fare payment system since the system was approved by the CTA board in November

Last fall, after the agency picked the name "Ventra," the CTA launched ventrachicago. com to inform riders about the changes coming this year. But it wasn't until a week ago, after Tribune reports about potential fees associated with the prepaid debit card option, that the CTA added information to its website about the possible fees, which include \$2 for a monthly paper statement and \$6 for a balance refund check.

"The CTA has always planned an extensive, detailed marketing campaign for Ventra. Our plan was always to launch that as Ventra got a little closer to going live. Our plan was always to do this spring 2013," Steele said. "We had been talking about the Ventra system for well over a year and believed that many people were aware of what the system was about."

But part of the problem is that agency officials have been giving conflicting information to the media and in public meetings. The CTA said last week that it gave incorrect information about potential fees to the Tribune.

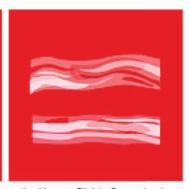
At Monday's hearing, CTA revenue director Eric Reese told state lawmakers both Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus users will be able to transfer their balances to Ventra.

He told Going Public last month that Chicago Card Plus users can transfer their balances but Chicago Card users had to spend their balances before the transition.

Steele clarified Monday after the hearing: Chicago Card Plus users and those with registered Chicago Cards can transfer their balances to Ventra cards but riders with unregistered Chicago Cards cannot transfer their

Like everything with Ventra, it's all in the details.





Variations on the Human Rights Campaign logo

HOW MUCH DOES **FACEBOOK SUPPORT** MARRIAGE EQUALITY?

Rather, how many users expressed their support for marriage equality by changing their profile pictures to the Human Rights Campaign's red square with an equals sign on it? The answer: a lot.

The Facebook team released some figures and charts compiling data on how many people changed their profile pictures last Tuesday—the day the Supreme Court began hearings disputing the validity of California's Proposition 8 and the federal Defense of Marriage Act. Though the numbers aren't exactly proof positive that all of the users included in the data changed their photo to reflect support for marriage equality-surely some of these users were just updating their latest selfie-Facebook took a closer look at who these folks were:

2.7 million: The number of people who changed their profile picture Tuesday, a 120 percent increase over the Tuesday prior.

1 p.m. (EST): The time of day Tuesday that a spike in profile photo changes can be seen in the data, just after the Human Rights Campaign began to urge followers to make the change.

3.5 percent: Percentage of 30-year-old Facebook users who changed their photos that day. Users around the age of 30 showed the greatest percentage increase.

NO. 1: Washtenaw County in Michigan (home to Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan), clocked in at No. 1 on Facebook's list of top counties showing a high rate of profile-picture updates.

2.4 percent to 2.9 percent: Large cities such as L.A., Chicago and New York showed modest increases in profile-picture changes, between 2.4 and 2.9 percent. SOURCE FACEBOOK



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STATIONARY A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note This week: Kedzie Brown Line stop

Just call it glass transit. One of the hallmarks of this Brown Line stop in Albany Park is the kaleidoscope-like art on the glass of the stationhouse. The 6-year-old installation by California artist Anne Marie Karlsen shows historic images of the station and train cars, according to the CTA. Next up: Merchandise Mart Brown and Purple Line stop













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People buying guns in Cook County will pay an extra \$25 for each weapon under a new tax that went into effect Monday.



Mayor Emanuel (center) and police Superintendent Garry McCarthy announced an update on crime prevention efforts Monday. ZEGNEW BZDANA

Violence rate dips

Emanuel, McCarthy still on the defensive over weekend attacks

Chicago Tribune

After a rough 2012 defending their actions as homicides soared past 500 killings, Mayor Emanuel and police Superintendent Garry McCarthy had what they billed as good news to share Monday-violence in the first quarter of 2013 fell sharply from a year earlier.

But the two found themselves somewhat on the defensive after disturbances downtown over the weekend by large groups of teens reignited concerns about mayhem along or near the Magnificent Mile as warmer weather appears.

Emanuel and McCarthy held the press conference at a Far South Side police station to tout dramatic drops in homicides and shoot-

ings for March as well as the first quarter of 2013. Last month homicides fell to just 16, the lowest total since 1959, from 52 a year earlier, they said. For the first three months of the year, homicides totaled 70, a 42 percent drop from 120 for the same period of 2012.

McCarthy said it was the best first-quarter performance since 1959.

"We're going to have good weeks. We're going to have bad weeks, good months and bad months," McCarthy said.

But the police department's own records show that Chicago recorded 70 to 75 homicides in each of the first quarters between 2009 and 2011. A spokesman for the department later acknowledged that 2013 has had only the best first quarter in four years, tying 2009 with 70 homicides. There also were 70 homicides in 1959.

Crime experts said it's more appropriate to make comparisons over multiple years and noted that the start of 2012 was uncharacteristically violent-perhaps in part because of unseasonably warm weather, particularly in

Emanuel and McCarthy also faced questions about Saturday's disturbances downtown. Eleven teens were arrested after two women were attacked and robbed on the Red Line. In a separate incident, 17 teens were arrested in multiple incidents along the Magnificent Mile.

When a reporter suggested the Michigan Avenue incident would hurt Chicago's image nationally, McCarthy was quick to issue a stern response before his boss could answer.

"I want to be clear about something ... that we were there. We were on top of it, and we dispersed it immediately. And I also want to be clear that there were no assaults, robberies or property damage that was reported," McCarthy said.

3FORALL

As the clock ticked down Monday on Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts' self-imposed deadline to get a Wrigley Field rehab deal done, the owner skipped the season opener in Pittsburgh to stay in Chicago and play the closer if called upon. But by early evening. face-to-face talks over a Jumbotrontype screen inside Wrigley had broken off for the day but were expected to resume Tuesday. Here's what three key players had to say Monday, TRIBUNE

I think there's reasonableness on all sides, but we're not there yet."

-Ald. Tom Tunney, whose 44th ward includes Wrigley Field

We have a baseball plan and we have a business plan, and they're timed to sync up with one another, they're interdependent."

-Cubs President Theo Epstein

I did not set the deadline. They did. And they're a party to the conversation. and I believe when they have-when all the parties have something to say - they'll say it."

-Mayor Emanuel

EXPRESS LINES

- » A federal appeals court on Monday upheld the conviction and sentence of disgraced former Chicago police Crndr. Jon Burge for lying about the torture of suspects during the 1970s and 1980s.
- » An 80-year-old woman who had been reported missing was found dead Monday after apparently falling down a trash chute in the Gold Coast, authorities said.
- » Eight passengers were taken to area hospitals with non-lifethreatening injuries Monday after a vehicle crashed into a No. 3 King Drive CTA bus in Bronzeville, TRIBUNE

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Law enforcement officers investigate at the scene of a shooting in Kaufman, Texas, where onetime Dallas County prosecutor Mark Hasse was shot in January, werrue

Texas gov warns public officials

KAUFMAN, Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Monday raised concern about the safety of Texas law enforcement officials as investigators searched for possible links between the killings of two Kaufman County prosecutors just two months apart.

Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, were discovered Saturday with fatal gunshot wounds at their home near Forney, Texas. McLelland had vowed to capture those who killed one of his assistants, Mark Hasse, on Jan. 31.

"I suggest everyone should be careful about what goes on, whether they're public officials or otherwise," Perry said in the state capital, Austin. "This, I think, is a clear concern to individuals who are in public life, particularly those who deal with some very mean and vicious individuals, whether they're white supremacy groups or whether they're the drug cartels that we have."

Kaufman County Court Judge Bruce Wood called the homicides an attack on the iustice system.

The FBI, the Texas Rangers and other law enforcement groups were investigating the two homicides, Kaufman County Sheriff David Byrnes said Sunday.

When Hasse was killed, speculation immediately centered on the prison-based Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, because that same day the U.S. Justice Department released a statement saying the Kaufman County District Attorney's Office was involved in a racketeering case against the white supremacist group.

U.S. moves Korea radar

The U.S. Navy is moving a warship and a sea-based radar platform closer to the North Korean coast in order to monitor that country's military moves, including possible new missile launches, a Defense Department official said Monday.

'Buckwild' star found dead

A cast member of MTV reality show "Buckwild" was found dead in rural West Virginia on Monday after being reported missing by family members following a late-night session in a local bar. Shain Gandee, 21, was found dead in a car along with two other men.

Death penalty for Holmes?

Prosecutors in Colorado will seek the death penalty for accused movie theater gunman James Holmes in the 2012 slaying of 12 people. the lead prosecutor said Monday in court. A new trial date was set for Feb. 3, 2014.

Syria's bloody month

March was the bloodiest month yet in Syria's two-year conflict, with more than 6,000 people killed, a third of them civilians, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Monday, Almost 300 children died, taking the number killed to about 4,390.

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One pitch. That's all Anthony Rizzo needed to make the Cubs look like World Series favorites. He crushed the first offering he saw an estimated 485 feet to give the Cubs a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Now all he needs is a killer nickname. GETTYIMAGES PHOTO

To think Jeff Samardzija might have wasted all those years in the bullpen. He threw eight shutout innings while holding Pittsburgh to two hits Monday, striking out nine. Meanwhile, Chris Sale picked up where he left off in 2012. The lefty surrendered no runs on eight hits through 7 2/3 innings against Kansas City, striking out seven. Spectacular.

FIRST SIGN OF HOPE

Both the Cubs' game at Pittsburgh and the Sox's matchup at U.S. Cellular Field-despite chilly temperatures in both cities-were announced as sellouts. If that isn't optimistic, we're not sure what is.



Chicago baseball fans could get used to this

Opening Day in baseball is all about optimism. Even the Cubs, who lost 101 games in 2012, and the White Sox, who collapsed in September after leading the AL Central Division most of last season, can look like juggernauts after one game. We're celebrating the return of Chicago's boys of summer with our favorite firsts from Monday's 2013 curtain-raisers.

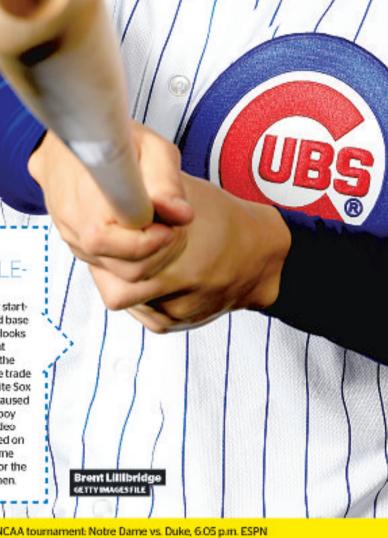


UNINTENTIONAL

Bo Jackson threw out the first pitch before the Sox game Monday, and not surprisingly, he threw a perfect strike-with some nice movement, too. Hey, the Cubs might need a closer ...

Yes, that guy start-

ing at second base for the Cubs looks familiar. Brent Lillibridge is the player whose trade from the White Sox last season caused a 5-year-old boy to cry in a video his dad posted on YouTube, Some good news for the youngster, then.





Deep freeze? It's a breeze

Chicago Tribune

Monday was one of the coldest home openers in White Sox history, according to the record books. But ask the fans who turned out for the Sox's 1-0 victory over Kansas City, and the weather was no big deal.

Take Ken Sako. He wore a sweatshirt and a wide grin as he scoffed at the notion that Monday's temperature, which hovered around 39 degrees all afternoon, was nearing the record for coldest opening day in Chi-

"Oh no, this is a beautiful day," Sako, 55, said. "We've had some that were just nasty This is pleasant."

Still, the temperature, recorded at O'Hare and Midway around game time, was the second-coldest for an opening day in Chicago and just one degree shy of the record, set April 18, 1907.

The forecast was enough to scare many fans into bundling up, though most agreed that they'd braved worse.

"We've been snowed on and sleeted on," said Cindy Mayer, 48, of Orland Park, who came prepared Monday with toe- and handwarmers hidden in her shoes and gloves. Mayer recalled a game last April when miserable weather prevented the ceremonial pregame flyover and caused the game to be called early.

Monday's conditions did little to hamper lively tailgate parties outside U.S. Cellular Field. It was the sixth opening game in a row for Alex Perez, 28, of South Elgin. How did he prepare?

"I brought a hoodie and alcohol," Perez said as he raised a can of beer. A small grill, a 24-pack of beer and a box of wine sat at his feet.

Others weren't content to rely on alcohol alone.

Brandon Hultine, 27, of Elgin, wore five layers of clothes and bought gloves at a souvenir stand as soon as he arrived at a pregame tailgate.

"I never thought I'd have to buy winter gloves for baseball, but here we are,* he said. "I thought I was going to be too warm, but now I'm terrified of the wind."

Andrew Atkinson, 21, and Molly Zaremba, 19, stuck it out the whole game. Zaremba, her cheeks and nose red from the cold. said the Sox win made cheering in the cold

"It was a great start," Atkinson said. "Definitely worth waiting in the cold."

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BASICS

The Cubs and White Sox are under way, and already we're .. not sure what to think. Hmmm.



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	One game into baseball sea- son, what do we know about the Cubs and/or Sox?	We know for sure the food at the Cell has been upgraded thanks to some big burger and nacho acquisitions.	It'll be tough to keep up this pace.	The Cubs are only mathematically still in it.	That we're one game closer to not having to talk about them.	That both teams still have about 587 games to play.
2	What will the Cubs and White Sox do with their day off Tuesday?	Wonder when spring is coming, like the rest of usl	Finally finish "Infinite Jest."	Reconsider this whole season.	Work on their hitting. And pitch- ing. And fielding. And thinking. And well, everything.	Start making vacation plans for October:
3	What was Viktor Staiberg thinking when he got 50 to 60 stitches on his jaw?	Probably just circled the next game against Ryan Getzlaf and grunted. He's a hockey player!	"This is not jawesome."	"through the willilire _"Karrye West	"Finally! I can fulfill my lifelong dream of being FRANKENBERG!"	Stalberg knew that even he was better off than Kevin Ware.
4	How will the Bears begin off- season workouts Tuesday?	With a moment of silence. I can't believe Urlacher isn't com- ing back.	Toe touches.	Without Lovie or Urlacher, probably wendering whom to blame the defense on.	By taking DJ Williams' car keys away.	They'll start with the basics and showing the affense where the end zone is.
5	The chaos of this NCAA tour- nament has been	amazing. I had written off the tourney. This is the best one in years.	Folds Five.	like Adidas's stock after that Kevin Ware injury—very unpredictable.	Shocking! A Shocker! Shocked beyond belief! Shock I ran out of Wichita State Shockers sayings, sorry.	like "The Real Housewives of Atlanta": crazy and "Gone with the Wind" fabulous.





Heavy hitters

Cubs pull no punches in political donations

The Ricketts family may bleed Cubbie blue when it comes to baseball, but many of them lean red when it comes to politics.

A survey by the Starlight Foundation of contributions by MLB team employees and members of its ownership groups show the Cubs out spent all others during the 2012 election cycle. The Cubs gave \$13.0 million in 2012, Second were the Baltimore Orioles with \$1.8 million.

Members of the White Sox gave a total of \$260,543.

Other numbers that stand out from the report:

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They can't all be laughers, we suppose. Unlike Sunday's 7-1 win in Detroit, the Blackhawks had to sweat out a win over Nashville on Monday at the United Center, Patrick Kane and Brandon Saad scored for the Hawks In regulation, and Michal Rozsival tallied the deciding goal in the shootout.

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IT'S ALWAYS FUNNY IN CARLO

Performers share the secrets and shortfalls of comedy as 16th annual Chicago Improv Festival rolls through town

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

One of Rob Belushi's first jobs on Chicago's live theater scene was a hosting gig at Second City where he seated people, stocked the bar with ice and cleaned up puke. And yes, he is from THAT Belushi family. (He also appears on Spike TV's "The Joe Schmo Show.")

Only a few years ago, Lucas Neff of FOX's "Raising Hope" became a selfproclaimed "weird improv groupie" when he shuttled from Andersonville to Wrigleyville to catch shows at ImprovOlympic up to five nights a week.

Way before Second City and iO alum Kay Cannon became a writer for NBC's "30 Rock" or FOX's "New Girl," she'd do a shot of Jack Daniel's before a set to kill her nerves of performing onstage.

All three return to Chicago this week for the 16th annual Chicago Improv Festival the biggest international improv fest in the world. They're among the 765 artists performing more than 90 shows on 20 stages throughout the city. Fans can check out acts that include Craig Cackowski of NBC's "Community" as well as Scott Adsit and John Lutz of "30 Rock." Tickets are available at the venue's box office or through the venue's website.

Actors will perform shows in nine improve categories, alternative, emerging artists, experimental, genre, long form, musical, puppetry, short form and improven screen. More details are available at chicagoimproviestival.

Belushi, Neff and Cannon dished to Red-Eye about the art of improv, what gets laughs, and how they've used their improv skills offstage.

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LUCAS NEFF

What he likes about the craft

Improv is really the heart of acting. I think it's at the heart of the creative process too. **There's no filter**

between your brain and what's happening on stage in an ideal situation.

What makes actors good at improv

They seem to have a capacity for understanding other people in situations very quickly.

How improv crosses over to his personal life

Life is improvised. I think it builds a certain confidence to trust that the present moment is all you need. You don't need to choreograph your life out.



It always feels like play

...You're free and you're not thinking and you're just going off the person next to you.



The best thing about improving to improvising when I can because it's not work. It's playful.

ROB BELUSHI

On Chicago audiences

Chicago audiences are smart, playful, fun, drunk, horny. They love sports and they love art. That's your dream as a performer, to have

performer, to have that type of sophisticated and yet modest audience.



The funniness was always a byproduct of being alive and living in the moment onstage. If you're interested in what you're doing and having a lot of fun with the people you're doing it with, people's natural sense of humor comes out. And luckily, I had one show once that people laughed.

What makes him laugh

Discomfort really makes me laugh a lot ...

l enjoy watching when things get dark and enjoy watching when people are real ... Farts are really funny.



Catch a show!

You've already missed the opening night of the Chicago Improv Festival, but it's bringing a lot more laughs your way the rest of the week. Here's part of the daily schedule, with the featured shows pulled out separately. We didn't include workshops or the after-parties, but the complete schedule, ticket information and theater addresses are at chicagoimprovfestival. org.

FEATURED SHOWS



Virgin Daiquiri and The Better Half (Craig Cackowski & Lucas Neff)

8 p.m. Tuesday at The Second City e.t.c., \$20

Cook County Social Club and Adsit & Eveleth 8 p.m. Wednesday at The Second City e.t.c., \$20

Damaged Goods, Laugh Out Loud Theater, and Sheldon (Jon Barinholtz & Rob Belushi) 8 pm. Thursday at The



8 p.m. Thursday at The Comedy Bar, \$15

Mission IMPROVable and Sheldon (Jon Barinholtz & Rob Belushi)

10 p.m. Thursday at The Comedy Bar, \$15



Messing with a Friend (with Scott Adsit) 10:30 p.m. Thursday at Annoyance Theater, \$15

Damaged Goods and Sheldon (Jon

Barinholtz & Rob Belushi) 11.59 p.m. Friday at Comedy Bar. \$15





HREE TO PLAY



Bioshock Infinite xbox 360. PlayStation 3, PC



Falling somewhere between

first-person shooter. character-driven drama

and clever grad-school thesis on troublesome sociopolitical movements of the last century, "Bioshock: Infinite" certainly doesn't lack ambition. Set in pre-World War I America, the game has you play as Booker DeWitt, a private detective



hired for a strange job: to infiltrate a floating cloud city and rescue a girl named Elizabeth. What at first appears to be a beautiful paradise conceals a twisted society controlled by a racist, xenophobic ideologue who worships the Founding Fathers. A civil war brews when that regime is opposed by a group of rebels called "Vox Populi." The subtext is clear: It's the modern Tea Party versus Occupy Wall Street, But while "Bioshock Infinite" qualifies as brilliant social satire, it struggles to know what to do with all of the gunplay. Perhaps expectations are too high after irrational Games' epic original "Bioshock," but "Infinite" falls a few yards short of true greatness.



Woods Golf '14

(box 360, PlayStation 3 A lack of notable changes from year to year in professional golf makes

an annual PGA game a tough sell for anyone who lacks an unquenchable lust for the links. But a host of new features and gameplay tweaks makes "Tiger Woods Golf 14" worth a new trip to the virtual course. Players can swing the old irons of classic golfers like Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus in the new Legends of the Majors mode, and all four majors on the tour are available for the first time. Best of all, the swing system has been refined so the game determines the strength of your hit based on how fast you move the control stick. While not a holein-one in execution, consider "Tiger Woods Golf '14" a chip shot hit for a birdie.



Le Vamp

Forget the cast of the "Twilight" movies. The big-eyed baby bloodsucker in "Le Vamp" surely takes the award for cutest vampire ever. He's also in big, big

trouble because he's being chased by pitchfork-carrying townsfolk and must avoid piles of pumpkins, other mythical monsters and deadly sunlight. So it's up to you to keep tiny Le Vamp's path clear while tossing globs of blood into his mouth to keep his energy high. While not a major departure from the endless number of endless runners available for iPhone, this stylish take on the genre (from Chicago-based developer High Voltage Software) has just enough tricks up its sleeve (and cape) to feel fresh.

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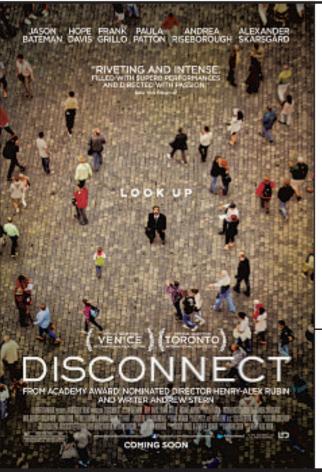
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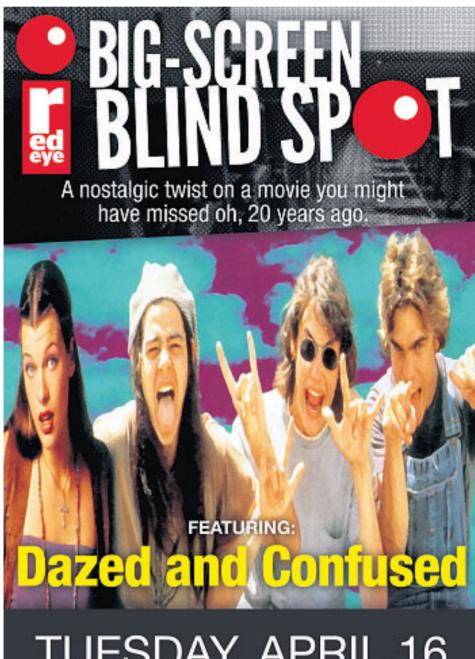
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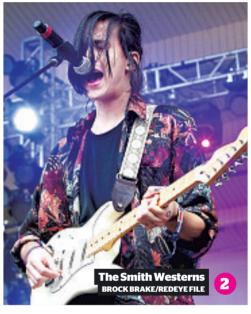
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FRIDAY, AUG. 2

The Killers (1), Nine Inch Nails, New Order, Queens of the Stone Age, Steve Aoki, Thievery Corporation, Lana Del Rey, Flux Pavilion, Band of Horses, Hot Chip, Crystal Castles, Imagine Dragons, Frightened Rabbit, Dillon Francis, Smith Westerns (2), Disclosure, Father John Misty, Ghost B.C., Modestep, Emeli Sande, Jessie Ware, Atlas Genius, Timeflies, Theophilus London, Monsta, IO Echo, Icona Pop, Chance the Rapper, Lance Herbstrong, Robert DeLong, Deep Vally, Twenty One Pilots, San Cisco, Hey Marseilles, Keys N Krates, the Neighbourhood, Pacific Air, American Authors, Houndmouth, Brick + Mortar, D-Pryde, Brite Lite Brite







RECORD-BREAKING LOLLA

Chicago Tribune

Lollapalooza will put 60,000 single-day tickets on sale at 10 a.m. Wednesday for the festival Aug. 2-4 in Grant Park. The only question remaining is how fast they'll sell out.

The festival's entire lineup leaked weeks early March 27, which moved up this week's sale from the originally scheduled April 9, but it almost was beside the point. In less than three hours last week, the festival already had sold out 80,000 three-day passes at up to \$235 per pass, said Charlie Jones, co-owner of Austin, Texas-based Lollapalooza promoters C3 Presents.

Jones said the festival's website is getting more than twice as many visitors as it did last year, indicating a rapidly growing interest in the festival. After signing a 10-year contract last year with the Chicago Park District that will keep Lollapalooza in Grant Park through 2022, Jones said daily capacity was capped at 100,000, which makes its daily attendance bigger than any destination rock festival in North America, including Coachella in California and Bonnaroo in Tennessee. Here is the 2013 Lollapalooza lineup.









SATURDAY, AUG. 3

Mumford & Sons (3), the Postal Service, the National, the Lumineers, Kendrick Lamar, Eric Church, Steve Angello, Ellie Goulding, Azealia Banks (4), Local Natives (5), Dada Life, Matt & Kim, Foals, Death Grips, Court Yard Hounds, Adventure Club, Ben Howard, GriZ, Charles Bradley, Heartless Bastards, Baauer, Haim, Unknown Mortal Orchestra, St. Lucia, Shovels & Rope, Little Green Cars, Family of the Year, 360, the Bright Light Social Hot, Reignwolf, Pujol, Planet Hemp, Cole Plante, Lukas Nelson & P.O.T.R., Blondfire, Frontier Ruckus, Wheeler Brothers, the Dunwells, Supreme Cuts, Cherub, Wild Cub, Brooke Waggoner, Beast Patrol



SUNDAY, AUG. 4

The Cure **(6)**, Phoenix, Vampire Weekend, Knife Party, Grizzly Bear, Major Lazer, Dog Blood, Two Door Cinema Club, Tegan and Sara, Beach House, Cat Power, 2 Chainz **(7)**, Alt-J, the Vaccines, DIIV, Alex Clare, Baroness, Lianne La Havas, Wild Nothing, Angel Haze, Wavves, Alvin Risk, Jake Bugg, Wild Belle, Art Department, MS MR, Guards, Kill the Noise, Skaters, the Orwells, Palma Violets, Astro, Machines are People Too, Yawn, Half Moon Run, the Mowgli's, Wake Owl, Bear Mountain, O'Brother, Makeshift Prodigy



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Wolf Tyler, the Creator

By Kyle Kramer

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When Odd Future
first emerged,
everything the L.A.
hip-hop collective
did seemed perfectly engineered
to grab attention.
The group's bravado
and distorted visual
aesthetic excited
rap fans looking for

change, while its members' shocking lyrics became a lightning rod for controversy. But when the attention came, Odd Future mostly ignored it, doubling down on an underlying conviction in their own talent and unique sensibility. They adopted a punk band and a jazz group as their closest associates, started a sketch comedy TV show and put out a series of inwardly focused albums that, while generally solid, had little effect on the hiphop mainstream.

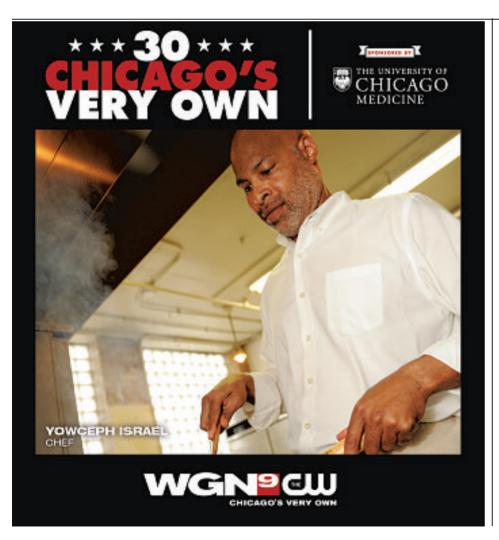
On ringleader Tyler, the Creator's second proper album, "Wolf," this insularity is even stronger. There's nothing as immediately arresting as the songs like "Yonkers" and "French" that helped build the rapper's hype to a fever pitch. The guests are limited to a few idols — Erykah Badu, Pharrell, Stereolab's Laetitia Sadier—and frequent Odd Future collaborators. People unfamiliar with the group's lore might need a glossary to understand many of the lyrical references, and even those in the know may have trouble following the album's loose plot and web of characters.

If Tyler's past music reflected confrontational rappers like Eminem, the best analogues here are artists like MF DOOM, Kool Keith and Wu-Tang Clan, who complement dense lyrics with elaborately constructed mythologies. Like those artists, Tyler's tightly written raps reward close attention and total immersion. Highlights like "Answer" and



"Lone" are nuanced takes on tough feelings, while tracks like "Rusty" and "Slater" are good, straightforward rap songs. 'Iyler's jarring, minor-key production has improved too.

Like "Goblin," Tyler's debut, "Wolf" can drag and feel overly moody. Although the most vulgar elements generally are gone, it probably will do little for fans who aren't already committed to 'fyler's schtick. But his well-crafted, self-contained world is something worth celebrating because it delivers on one of Odd Future's central promises that got lost amid that initial flurry of hype: It's committed to its own weirdness—and not just for the attention.





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Later

Which April 1 celeb news is the real deal?

By Dana Moran I REDEYE

When you're a kid, April Fools' Day is a great excuse to pull pranks on your friends and Saran-wrap your parents' toilet bowl. (Don't actually try this at home.) But when you're an adult, the tricksters' holiday suddenly becomes THE. WORS'T. Who the hell actually likes being fooled? See if you can spot the real celeb antics from the pranks pulled Monday. Don't say we didn't warn you.

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MILA KUNIS IS PREG-NANT WITH ASHTON KUTCHER'S BABY!

"As you all probably know, I'm pregnant and I've decided to take the next 9 months off with Ashton Kutcher in Hawaii," she wrote in a Facebook post.

2 HEIDI KLUM SAVED HER SON FROM DROWNING!

"We were pulled into the ocean by a big wave," Heidi said. "Like any mother, I was very scared for my child and everyone else in the water. Thankfully Henry is a strong swimmer and was able to swim back to land."

3 SETH ROGEN AND JAMES FRANCO ARE MAKING "PINEAPPLE EXPRESS 2"

Cocaine? Check. Assassination plot? Check. Oh, and there's a little weed too. In theaters in April.

4 SNOOKI AND JIONNI ELOPED!

Complete with a Twitter pic of the happy day.

5 REESE WITH-ERSPOON HAS GONE BRUNETTE!

It must be time to move past her "Legally Blonde" days.

6 TAYLOR SWIFT WAS NEARLY IM-PALED BY A SWORD!

Not just any sword—a "Lord of the Rings" weapon owned by her opening act. Ed Sheeran.

7 MIKE TYSON GOT HIS FACE TATTOO REMOVED!

"This is going to be painful," he tweeted, before heading under the laser.

8 TYLER THE CREATOR WANTS TO LOCK JUSTIN BIEBER IN A CAGE!

"I want to take Justin Bieber for a month and just lock him up in a cage," the Odd Future frontman, who has a new solo album out Tuesday, told Billboard.



8, For real, But here's the end of that quote: "... where we sit and make music. He's one of the most successful people in the world, but his music could be so much tighter." Aw, Tyler believes in you, Bieb! We're not about to call him a Belieber, thought A Fool. The man sued over the rights to that thing. You really think he'd have it removed?

6. For real, This is what you get for messing around with a sword on a with a sword on a 5. For real. The dye job is for a new movie. "The Good Lie," about a Sudanese Civil War relugee.

4, Fool, Please, That gown did not have NEARLY enough leopard. 3. Fool Yeegealt, This actually was a not-so-covert promo for the pair's ACTUAL new movie, "This is the End," out this summer.

2. For real. Two of the family's nannies also were in danger, but all three made it out of the ocean just tine.

I. Fool, Not only was this post a false, it was written by a rogue fan-

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1995: Baseball owners accepted the players' union offer to play without a contract, ending the longest and costliest strike in the history of professional sports.

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"The Great Gatsby" hits theaters in just more than a month, and the studio on Monday released some new images of Leo, Carey, Tobey and the gang, Let's take a peek!

Looking, great!







Leonardo DiCaprio as Jay Gatsby Carey Mulligan as Daisy Buchanan Joel Edgerton
as Tom Buchanan

Tobey Maguire as Nick Carraway



"I've been humbled"

Chris Brown has not split with Rihanna, he told Matt Laurer during a calm interview Monday on the "Today Show." "Everything's good, we're fine," Brown said, according to latimes.com, before noting that "she knows my heart and I know her heart" when it comes to whether he'd ever hit her again. "For me, I've been humbled by the whole experience," he said.

2015

The year Conan O'Brien's contract with TBS is up. The network announced Monday it had agreed to an extension with the late-night host to keep

"Conan" through November of that year.



All you need is love

Oh, Romeo! Orlando Bloom is heading to Broadway to star with Condola Rashad in "Romeo and Juliet," The New York Times reports. The director, David Leveaux, says the fact that the couple is interracial is no big commentary. "The two actors I wanted to be together producing sparks just happened to be those two, and I followed my nose in casting the families," he said.



Thoughts for Cory

"Glee" star Cory Monteith has entered a rehabilitation facility, where he is being treated for an unspecified substance addiction,

his publicist said Monday. Monteith, who plays singing jock Finn Hudson, decided to seek treatment at the facility voluntarily, the statement said. "I love and support Cory and will stand by him through this," his "Glee" co-star and girlfriend Lea Michele said. "I am grateful and proud he made this decision."

HOT DATE

APRIL 9

That's when Lindsay Lohan will visit the "Late Show With David Letterman." It's her first public interview since November and first time she's been on "Letterman" since May 2007.